GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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SECURITY IN MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ASI has engaged security guards from private security services to protect and safeguard the protected monuments in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether the private security services have been given this assignment without following the general rules and conditions of tender method;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a)&(b) The security of selected monuments including those on UNESCO`s. World Heritage list was strengthened by deploying private security for a period of three years from 1.4.1998. The following expenditure has been incurred :-

1998-99	Rs.1,98,93,437
1999-2000	Rs.2,59,60,127
2000-2001	Rs.4,10,37,540

(c)to(e) Quotations from various security services were invited and the party quoting the lowest rates was assigned the contract.